Greetings!

1. Congratulations to all recently selected for advancement to Master Chief! This monumental milestone in your naval career brings increased responsibility; more will be expected of you by your command and Sailors. In this time of great change, your direct leadership will be critical to our Navy's mission. I look forward to hearing of your future success.

2. Congratulations to all Petty Officers selected for advancement! You have demonstrated the potential to excel with additional responsibility, be sure to share the mentorship you have received from your leaders as well as the knowledge obtained during POSLC for continued success. You are now the leaders that our Sailors look up to, guide them to reach their goals.

3. I recently had the opportunity to visit the Sailors at Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune. It was amazing to meet the staff and I was impressed by such a proud team with high morale and great facilities. Bravo Zulu to the TCCC training team and to all involved in standing up NHCL as a Level 3 trauma center! Your professionalism and willingness to expand healthcare in the local community is highly commended. We wish you all the best in your endeavors and look forward to seeing your partnership with Vidant Trauma Center grow stronger in the future.

4. The Armed Forces Operational Symposium was a great success! The IDCs in attendance had the opportunity to learn from each other as well as other healthcare professionals. Air Force personnel present at this event showed great collaboration among the services and is a step forward for all of us. Bravo Zulu to the following IDCs of the Year!

Expeditionary IDCOY: HM1 John Moore, MDSU2

Surface IDCOY: HM1 Luis Figueroa, USS Detroit LCS 7

Submarine IDCOY: HM1 Robert Staton, USS North Dakota SSN 784

Shore IDCOY: HM1 Joseph Pica, ATG Western Pacific

5. MAP Timeline:
Open Season: 1 July - 31 August 2018. Redistribution Season: 1 - 30 September 2018.

*1 June 2018 - Quota Request Letters and Controlled Rate Requests are due to the designated Echelon 2 Commanders/BSOs.
*30 June 2018 - BUMED will adjudicate and notify commands of approval/disapproval of Quota Requests and Controlled Rate Endorsements.
*1 July 2018 - MAP Open Season begins. This is the earliest date of advancement for MAP. Forward ALL letters to Region Coordinators and CC BUMED Force Career Counselor.
*15 August 2018 - MAP "Open Season" closes. All Meritorious Certification Letters (or negative responses) are due to PERS 81.

Command MAP Coordinators shall not alter letter samples provided by PERS-81. Digital copies of all documents must be forwarded to Regional MAP Coordinators and the BUMED Force Career Counselor.

Contact NCCS David Briggs, BUMED Force Career Counselor at David.m.briggs.mil@mail.mil or (619) 556-5057.

6. NAVADMIN 119/18 announced the latest guidance for Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB). Some of our HM NECs received increases to their award levels. Additionally, Pharmacy and Surgical Techs were added to the SRB eligible list. This NAVADMIN may be used during Career Development Boards. SRB increases should not only help us retain eligible Sailors, but also help fill school seats to produce these skillsets. Remember, by helping fill school seats, you significantly enhance the ability of the Hospital Corps to be ready to do our Nation's work.

7. Effective 1 June 2018, the 16 semester hour (or equivalent) fiscal year limit on Tuition Assistance (TA) eligibility, is rescinded. Maximizing TA opportunity is an investment in our Sailors, and is consistent with our message that learning and professional growth are not only available, they are expected of senior leaders. See NAVADMIN 127/18 for additional details.

8. The MPT&E Newsletter is attached for review and dissemination. Highlights include a call to action for us to be "Brilliant on the Basics" to take care of our Sailors, echoing a recent NAVADMIN that updated former CNP Harvey's 2008 message by the same title on retention efforts, our plan for Navy's new performance evaluation system and a glimpse at how Navy boot camp is developing tough, more qualified Sailors for the Fleet.

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9. In remembrance:

HM2 Jaime Jaenke died June 5, 2006 as a result of enemy action when her HMMWV was struck by an improvised explosive device in Al Anbar province, Iraq. She was assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 25, Fort McCoy, Wisconsin.

HN Zachary M. Alday died June 9, 2006 from injuries sustained earlier in the day when the vehicle in which he was riding struck a land mine while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in the Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, 7th Regimental Combat Team, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), Camp Pendleton, California.

HM2 Cesar O. Baez died June 15, 2005 as a result of enemy small arms fire while conducting combat operations in Al-Anbar Province, Iraq. Assigned to 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward).

HN Marc A. Retmier died June 18, 2008 of wounds sustained in a rocket attack in northern Paktika Province, Afghanistan while assigned to Provincial Reconstruction Team, Sharana, in Afghanistan.

HN William F. Ortega died June 18, 2010 of wounds from an IED blast while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. HN Ortega was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1 Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force.

HN Dustin K. Burnett died June 20, 2008 while conducting combat operations in Farah Province, Afghanistan. Doc Burnett was assigned to First Marine Division Detachment, Twenty-nine Palms, California.

HM1(SEAL) Jeffery S. Taylor was killed June 28, 2005 when his helicopter was shot down as it was rushing to aid a stranded team member. He was serving with SEAL Team 10.

You will never be forgotten!

10. These dedicated Navy leaders will go ashore next month - All of us hope the next chapter of your lives is even more rewarding. Fair winds and following seas to:

LSCS Lateesha Mazyck (NAVEXPMEDSUPPCOM) 1 June 2018
HMCS Robert Wagenman (FHCC GL) 8 June 2018
HMCM Jose Romero (USUHS) 26 June 2018
HMC Henry Becoat (FHCC GL) 30 June 2018
HM1 Rolando Quiroz (FHCC GL) 30 June 2018

For 120 years, Hospital Corpsmen have saved and enriched lives wherever duty has called. Remember our great legacy and rich traditions as you safely celebrate this year. Happy Birthday Hospital Corps!

Respectfully,